

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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WORKS OF ICCR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the works carried out by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) during the last two years; and
- (b) the total amount spent on the ICCR during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) In order to fulfil its objective of fostering and strengthening cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) undertook activities such as exchange of cultural troupes, exchange of distinguished visitors, provision of scholarships to foreign students, organization of exhibitions and seminars, publication of journals and books, presentation of books, music cassettes and busts of Indian leaders etc.. The fourteen cultural centres set up by the ICCR abroad, also carried out activities such as teaching Indian music, dance and yoga to foreign students. In addition, the 19 Chairs for Indian studies set up by the ICCR in foreign universities, taught Indian history, philosophy, languages and other related subjects on India to foreign students.

(b) The amount spent on the activities of ICCR were Rs.3754.67 lakhs and Rs.3817.09 lakhs during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 respectively.